GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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ROLE OF MPS IN DRDAs
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any role has been assigned to MPs for giving suggestions and approvals regarding the utilization of funds released by the Union Government for Rural Development Schemes to the District Rural Development Agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the State Governments especially the Governments of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have complied with the same;

(d) if not, the facts, thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Rural Development attaches utmost importance to close involvement of elected representatives including Members of Parliament in the implementation of various Poverty alleviation programmes.As per the existing Guidelines of `DRDA Administration` Scheme, Hon`ble Members of Parliament are Members of the Governing Body of DRDAs.The Governing Body of DRDA provides policy directions, approves the annual Plan and also reviews and monitors the implementation of different programmes.

(c) & (d) In the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh, the DRDAs have been merged with Zilla Panchayats which are responsible for planning, implementation, review and monitoring of various Rural Development Schemes in these States.Members of Parliament are members of the General Body of Zilla Panchayats in order to facilitate them in making suggestions regarding programmes executed through the Zilla Panchayats.

(e) Does not arise.